

LUKE TITCOMB.

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

Luke Titcomb, a pioneer of 1852, was a native of Donnington, Berkshire, England, born March 3, 1832, a son of William and Mary Atkins Titcomb. The father and mother joined the Mormon Church very soon after the introduction of the gospel into England and with their family emigrated to America in 1841, locating in Nauvoo, Illinois, passing through the persecutions and drivings of those days in common with the rest of the Saints.

They crossed the plains in 1849, in Ezra T. Benson's company, arriving in Salt Lake City on the 31st of October. The next three years were spent in Cottonwood and in 1852 the family moved to Lehi, where Luke has since resided.

His parents soon moved back to Salt Lake City. The father died soon after, but the mother lived to a ripe old age. On January 26, 1854, Luke married Lydia Jane Tanner, a capable woman and a member of a well known and very numerous family in Utah. They have raised a very large family and have passed through all the trying scenes of early days in Lehi.

Mr. Titcomb was one of the builders of the fort wall in 1854; worked on the Meeting House in 1855; and was a member of the company of infantry sent to the scene of action in the Echo Canyon War in 1857, being the cook for the company of ten of which William Clark was captain.

To support his family, he has been a tiller of the soil and for a number of years he was janitor of the old Meeting House. His wife was a kind, generous, woman, ever ready to help those in distress. She was the mother of fourteen children. She died October 31, 1897; Luke Titcomb died November 24, 1913.

The following children grew up to maturity: Mary Jane, (Mrs. Thomas Gray); Joseph L., Rebecca (Mrs. Thomas Jones) ; Mahonri, Ruth (Mrs. John

Jackson); Naomi S. (Mrs. Thomas Powers); Eunice, (Mrs. Lott Russon, Jr.); Helen E. (Mrs. Heber C. Comer); Preston; Florence.